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## JEFFERSON CITY HOLDS OUT ITS 'HOSPITABLE ARMS'

To the Pilgrims Who Will Soon Gather For the Coming Session of the Legislature

The Price of Rooms and Meals and Also That of "Hootch" Raised to the Ceiling

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 23.—(Correspondence.)—The Capital city of the state, Missouri's permanent seat of government, is ready for its regular biennial harvest, when members of the next general assembly, the Fifty-second, and the mighty host of job seekers, gather here immediately after the close of the present year, ready to patriotically serve the commonwealth at the same rate per diem which prevailed before the recent world-wide combat, room rents will be encountered which have been boosted so sky high that Mount Everest is a mole-hill in comparison, and when it comes to "eats" legislators with an ordinary appetite will be forced to write home for more money before the first week has faded into past history.

The good old days when a dollar a diem for three meals was the height of extravagance (and, even then, such daily liberality was only the depravity and folly of a gourmand, with an epicurean taste and a snug bank account) are no more. That sum now only equals the cost of the hind leg of a Cole county rabbit with necessary trimmings, a demi tasse of Java, two cold, overbaked biscuits and a dab of oleo, with the "tip" to the waiter still to be provided for. And the "tip" for the service, with nickels and dimes not considered legal tender in the restaurants and hotels of the permanent "cheat-the-government" city, and a silver-quarter so small and light in weight that it cannot easily be palmed, must look like and be a real half-dollar to gain the favorable recognition of "thinks."

**Sleeping Habit a Luxury**  
The rent of rooms ranges from \$20 a month for a "small back, on the third floor, heated by a wood-burning stove, to \$50 for a 12x12, with the chill occasionally removed by a steam radiator and with the "bath and hot running water, just down the hall." On the outskirts of the burg "sleeping rooms" are cheaper but it takes the climbing and clinging ability and tenacity of an Alps mountaineer to make the daily round trip when the hills and valleys of this coaster center are ice coated as is apt to be most of the time while the legislature is in session. Sleeping is quickly transformed into a luxurious habit which ought to be dispensed with in the time of economy.

The benevolent and Samaritan act of sprinkling ashes on an ice coated pavement to make walking easier is unknown in the resident section of the state's capital city, probably for the good reason that such debris of coal, wood and other fuel always has a commercial worth, being useful and valuable in filling up the deep "hole" constituting the back yard of every other residence. The main streets and highway of this Missouri Pacific division point follow the crests of a series of bluffs and hills, regardless of the compass, with houses built on the descending inclines, the rear rooms facing a sixty degree precipice down which the sewerage and storm waters always pursue a natural course, heedless of whose back yard

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**MUST RAISE \$25,000 TO GET \$100,000**

The county court outgoing and the incoming court, and Mayor McIninch, S. S. Connett, C. U. Philley, A. E. Ueberlein, J. E. Combs and Wesley Connett met in the court room Thursday and discussed the proposition as to whether complete roads already begun as the old county court wanted to, or raise \$25,000 more and get \$100,000 federal aid from the Pike's Peak route.

When the conference closed the court refused to put up the \$25,000 and the deal was off.

**THIS IS REAL BRASS TACKS**  
**NORMALCY**  
Samuel C. Moxey of St. Joseph filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the federal court here Monday, listing assets at \$200 and debts at \$2,880.98.

## THE SCOUNDRELS JAILED

Clark and Kramer Who Threw the Burlington Into the Ditch Are Located.

The two young scoundrels and would-be murderers who threw the Burlington's St. Louis Flyer into the ditch near Saxton on the night of Tuesday, Dec. 12th, and tried to kill 150 innocent passengers in order that they might during a season of death and destruction rob the mail car are now in the county jail, they having been picked up Monday afternoon. The two conscienceless and murderous scoundrels are Alvin Marion Clark of near Easton, and William Kramer of Sacramento, California, both of whom have signed confessions giving all details of the hellish scheme and plot.

Clark was captured in the Burlington general offices Monday afternoon, when he walked in and asked for a job—he is a railroad—and was referred to the headquarters of special officer E. M. Matthews, who first questioned him and finally secured an admission from Clark that he was not William Rice of Savannah he claimed to be, secured the further admission that he was Clark and that he had been connected with the wrecking of the train. Then it was easy to round up and arrest Kramer and the two were taken to Central police station where they each made full and complete confessions detailing all features of the dastardly affair. The confessions which were taken separately tallied exactly.

The two went to Easton on that night and stole the tools from the Burlington tool shanty near there, after which they went a mile and a half out of town where Clark removed the angle bars and Kramer pulled the spikes and moved the rail. Then they hid beside the track and waited. The train after leaving the rails did not create a sufficient amount of panic among the passengers, none of whom fortunately were killed, and the two young would-be murderers fled from the neighborhood without turning a peg.

Clark, who is the directing and master mind of the whole affair, seems to gloat over the notoriety he has achieved. Kramer has little to say. A stout rope might have some effect on him.

## WAGNER IS CAPTURED

Alleged Robber of Two Kansas Banks Is Captured at the St. Francis.

As he stepped out of the elevator at the St. Francis Hotel Wednesday night, Detective Ed Eads covered Joseph W. Wagner of Kansas City, Kas., with a big revolver and Detective John Sampson clamped a pair of handcuffs on him, after which he was taken to the station and locked up.

Wagner is a much wanted man and is rated as a bank robber of no mean caliber. Just now he is wanted for his alleged connection with the robbery of the State Bank of Piper, Kas., and the Bank of Quindaro, Kas., from the two of which he and his partners secured \$10,000. Other robberies are also laid to his door.

## JACKSON AND DAVIS ARE RETIRED

At a meeting of the firemen's pension board, held Wednesday morning, a pension of \$2.50 per month was granted to James T. Jackson and Joseph Davis, Sr., both of whom have been on the department for thirty years. They are retired as first class firemen. The placing of these two veterans on the pension roll brings the payroll up to \$418 per month.

## THE CITY BUYS LIBERTY BONDS

City Comptroller Willard has purchased through the First National Bank, which charged no commission, \$100,000 worth of 4 1/2 per cent Liberty bonds at \$98.75. They will be placed in the sinking fund and held until August, 1923, when they will be used to retire the 1903 bonds amounting to \$112,000.

## HIS NORMALCY LOST IN DEBT

A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed in the federal court here Monday by James David Johnson of Jamesport, Mo., who lists his debts at \$797.07, and with no assets.

## SAYS HE LOST \$8,600

C. E. Wright Was Held Up and Robbed in the American National Bank Building Monday.

It was a queer sounding tale that E. C. Wright, a real estate dealer who maintains an office in room 514 of the American National Bank building, told a squad of police headed by Capt. James Kelly Monday night, after they had loosened the ropes which bound him, and the gaze which filled his mouth. He was found prostrate on the floor of the room, his hands lashed back of him and two handkerchiefs tied across his mouth effectually stopping his speech. After the men had slugged, gagged and robbed him he managed to kick the telephone from a desk and roll over to it on the floor, where he made inarticulate sounds into the receiver until the operator turned the alarm into police headquarters and officers went to his rescue and relief. The cut on Wright's head is a deep one and he also had a badly bruised nose.

Wright, whose home is at Weatherly, told the officers that he came here Monday and drew \$8,600 in big bills from a safety deposit box that he has in the Empire Trust Co. He put the money in a manilla envelope and then sewed it inside of one of his inside vest pockets. He claimed that he kept his money that way instead of in a bank as he had a \$60,000 judgment hanging over him and did not care to have his money attached. The judgment is correct. After he secured his money he went to DeKalb on a real estate deal, but failed to put it through and then returned here and purchased tickets for Omaha, intending to go there that night. Then he went to his business room about 8:30, and while sitting in a chair reading a letter was assaulted by the two men, robbed of his money and then gagged and left on the floor.

Wright claimed that he secured a good look at his assailants and could easily identify them. He said that with the exception of ordering him to hold up his hands when they first came in, neither of the two men spoke. Telephone calls were sent to all neighboring towns and cities, and the police combed the city. He claimed that he had seen two men near the Union station who acted like they were following him that afternoon.

## CLIFFORD ROE KILLED

Is Shot to Death While Trying to Break Into a Soft Drink Shop.

As Clifford Roe cautiously raised his head and then threw the rays of his flashlight inside of the room at 214 West Missouri Avenue Sunday night where he had just "blimied" the back window, there was a flash of light and then a sharp report. Roe threw up his hands and fell backward outside of the window with a bullet in his forehead. He gasped a few times after an ambulance reached there, but was dead before help came. Naum Talleff, who conducts the place, fired the shot—he had been watching for burglars—that laid Roe low. When Roe flashed his light on him, it gave him a good target and he improved it. The dead man, who was 26 years of age and married, leaves a wife. He also had a lengthy prison record.

## WILL BE ONE DELIVERY

Mail Service on Monday, Christmas Day, Will Be Given in Limited Degree.

Monday, December 25, 1922, being observed as a legal holiday, the windows at the main post office and stations will be open to the public for the transaction of business from 8:30 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. only. The office will be closed at 10:30 a. m. for the remainder of the day.

There will be one delivery of mail throughout the city—both business and residence districts, on the morning of December 25th.

Mail will be distributed to lock boxes all day.

Probably as bright and impracticable a thought as ever entered that Chamber of Commerce secretary of Des Moines, was the idea that the men of St. Joseph would each donate a day's work to build a new city hall. Practical?

## NECESSITATES USE OF A COMMON LANGUAGE

GENERAL MANAGER REDMUND OF THIS BELL DISTRICT ADVOCATES IT

## IS SPEAKER AT ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON

Says That the Public Utilities Are Subject to the Same Laws as Individuals and That a Lack of Knowledge of the Workings of These Institutions Are Responsible for the Misunderstanding That So Generally Exists and Which Produces So Much Unneeded For Antagonism.

World wide telephone communication ultimately necessitating the use of a common language and bringing the brotherhood of man a step nearer was prophesied by Percy Redmund, general manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of St. Louis, who was the principal speaker at the noon luncheon before the Rotary club of St. Joseph, on Tuesday. Mr. Redmund's talk was illustrated by charts throughout and he spoke on the topic "The Public and the Public Utility."

"Nearly all trouble, from the world war down to minor personal differences," he said, "is the result of misunderstanding due to lack of knowledge. The public utilities being very much a part of the world are subject to the same laws, and consequently in the case of public utility trouble, the same is generally misunderstanding due to lack of knowledge."

"Having learned this from bitter experience, your public utilities, nowadays, are sincerely trying to inform the

## CHRISTMAS TREE FOR KIDS

It Will Be Their Day at Community Hall on Saturday and They Will Be There.

About fifteen hundred dollars has been invested in the poor children's Christmas tree which will be lighted and given over to them at Community hall at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. All this week the good people who are arranging the affair have been hard at work and the result will be much joy for the little ones, some of whom would otherwise receive nothing. Each child will receive a big bag of candy, fruits and nuts and some serviceable present besides.

The committee members who are doing the work and making the preparations are Frank W. Beach, E. E. Humphrey, Harry Neldorp, E. M. Lindsey, C. G. Kent, Dr. J. F. Tucker, W. H. Fellish, R. S. Johnson, Jess Hider, Stephen Moore, Wilham Slaybaugh, Herman Hess, J. L. Remelius, A. F. Lindsay, George Allison, H. L. Kavanaugh, Harry Darnell, John Muter, Fire Chief Regan, Lloyd Walker, W. A. Evans, Louis Busch, E. H. Allen, George W. Kaiser, T. J. Whitehead, Joel E. Gates, Mrs. George Kellogg, Mrs. Elmer Atterbury, Mrs. Nat Thompson, Mrs. R. N. Malone, Mrs. E. D. Smith, Mrs. Porter Srite, Mrs. Jennie Lander, Mrs. C. E. Clapp, Mrs. E. A. King, Mrs. Walter Robinson, Miss Shelley Miner, Miss Madge Cannon, Miss Myrtle Maxwell, Miss Helen Summy, Miss Dorothy Wear, Miss Lucy Horton, Miss Clara Vey, Miss Edna Speer, Miss Mabel A. White, Mrs. William Slaybaugh, Mrs. Gertrude Gilkey, Miss Katherine Williamson, Mrs. James Slaybaugh, Mrs. Sophie Simmons, Mrs. C. A. Henderson, Mrs. Charles Law, Miss Elvior Fenner, Miss Beatrice Park, Miss Gertrude Landon, Mrs. Fred J. McGinnis, Mrs. A. M. Evans, Mrs. H. N. Abbey, Mrs. E. E. Humphrey, Mrs. L. J. Eastin and Mrs. D. V. Johnson.

## THE IRISH BAND CONCERT

Instead of five or six hundred there should have been that many thousand who attended the concert given by the famous Irish Regiment Band at the Auditorium Monday night. A more classical concert of Irish music would not have been rendered. The special artists and entertainers, Major John Trenholme, Miss Jane McNaughton and Miss Beatrice O'Leary, did themselves rare credit and director Lieut. J. Andrew Wiggins covered himself with glory.

## A RECEPTION FOR FATHER CARNEY

The members of St. Patrick's parish will give a reception on Wednesday, Jan. 3, to Father Patrick J. Carney, who will assume the duties of irre-movable pastor of that parish on Jan. 1st. The reception will be held in the auditorium of the parochial school and will be an elaborate affair. Father Carney's work at Moberly is highly commended. During his stay there he built a \$125,000 church.

Sunday temperature was five degrees above zero.

## NORMALCY AWAY UP IN GENTRY COUNTY

Edgar D. Valentine, a farmer near Stanberry, Mo., has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the federal court here, listing assets at \$32,704 and liabilities at \$30,250.

## ON THE AIR LINE

St. Joseph Will Have An Aviation Field and Be Put On Air Map.

The persistent good efforts of C. H. Wolfley, who has had charge of the air movement programme for St. Joseph, has been crowned with success for on Tuesday he received a message from Major General Patrick, chief of the United States air service, which reads as follows:

"C. H. Wolfley, Chairman of Aviation Committee, Chamber of Commerce: Place inverted U with open end toward south in northwest corner of field with figure 2 on west and 4 on east side. Dot to be sixteen feet from north side and seven feet from west of inverted U. Sketch follows. St. Joseph will be included in next revision as point between Kansas City and Omaha."

## IMPORTED ANOTHER ONE

No Missouri Physician Had Sense Enough to Be Head of No. 2.

Dr. G. H. Ard, who poses as "state medical director" which is another of the "Hyde ideas," could not find any reputable Missouri physician who would have the place—so he says—and went to Illinois to get Dr. D. D. Campbell of Chicago to come here and assume charge of State Hospital No. 2 on Jan. 1st. Ard, who has been rattling around at the hospital since Dr. Vickery resigned, can now return to Jefferson City and see what else he can find to do.

It is the same old practice—against which this paper has preached ever since its foundation. With dozens of men capable and willing to fill important places in St. Joseph, the practice is always for the appointing power to decide that the St. Joseph men doesn't know a thing—and go outside for the man.

## NOT CHOICE IN NAMES

President Wood of the Federation of Labor Talked to the Striking Shipmen.

President R. T. Wood of Springfield, of the Missouri Federation of Labor, was not at all sparing of phrases when he addressed the local striking railmen at Labor Temple Monday night. He urged the men to keep up the strike as they had for the past six months and told them that victory was still in sight.

He was not at all backward in terming the Harding administration as "a gang of crooks," Attorney General Henry L. Daugherty as a "Judas" and his impeachment committee as a "bunch of lame ducks" and said that the United States supreme court made his decisions "without thinking of the constitution, but only of big business."

He certainly applied the King's English in his denunciations.

## JESUS THE CHRIST

In Jesus' life Mrs. Eddy saw, as we can see, a fuller and more complete understanding of God and God's power than any other one had. It seemed a perfectly natural thing to the Master that he should speak and disease be healed, devils cast out, and the dead raised. He did not claim, however, that it was through any great power of his own. He did not claim that he lived and moved in a so-called miraculous period of the world's history, as some so-called orthodox thinkers would have us believe. He said, very simply and modestly: "The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do; for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." Also he said: "I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me," giving us a rule of conduct which if followed will work wonders in our development. If we think so, and do always the thing that is in accord with the will of the heavenly Father, how splendid will be our work. It will then be a perfectly natural development in our lives to see all these things coming to pass of which Jesus spoke when he said: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he also do."

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## AN OVERFLOW HOUSE GREETED JUDGE GREENE

When He Lectured at the Lyceum on Christian Science Last Tuesday Evening

His Address Was a Masterly Exposition of the Doctrine as Promulgated by Its Founder

It was an audience which completely filled the commodious Lyceum, which Judge Samuel W. Greene, C. S. B., of Louisville, Ky., a member of the board of lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass., faced Tuesday night after Mrs. Charles M. Howe had fittingly introduced him, and to which audience he delivered a masterly discourse in full as follows:

A familiar hymn has been paraphrased as follows:

"I love to tell the story of Life and Truth and Love,  
It stills the voice of error and turns my thoughts above,  
I love to tell the story and prove that it is true,  
By healing sin and sickness as nothing else can do.  
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the new-old story of Life and Truth and Love."

Christian Science is indeed the new-old story of Life and Truth and Love, the simple, sweet story as it was taught and proved and practiced by Jesus of Nazareth nineteen hundred years ago. It embraces just the same thought, that through the understanding of the ever-present love and power of God, humanity is healed not only of sin but of all the results of sin—sickness, sorrow, unhappiness, death.

Mrs. Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, like many of us, suffered, and found no relief from material masters. She turned to God's word with the hope and desire to be healed of sickness, sorrow, lack and loneliness. As she contemplated this wonderful unfoldment of divine love and power as they were taught by Jesus of Nazareth, as she read of the healings of sick men and women, there came to her peace, healing, joy as Jesus had promised: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

She realized that what had come to her was not supernatural, not unnatural development or result, but the perfectly natural result of the operation of God's law. Her great desire after that was to lay hold upon the understanding of this spiritual law that she might be able to help others to gain this freedom which had come to her.

Devoting herself for several years almost exclusively to the study of God's word, there came to her a more perfect vision of the ever-present, omnipotent power of God, and the understanding of this spiritual law among men and available for human need. She discerned, and points out to us in her writings, that always when men have understood God, they have been able to accomplish the so-called impossible or unusual things. To verify this, we have only to study the history of Moses. Therein we see that through the right understanding of God, Moses was able not only to heal people through spiritual means but he was able to accomplish other wonderful things. He negotiated the freedom of a nation unlawfully enslaved, without the expenditure of money and without an exhibition of the power of arms. He equipped and maintained this people when newly freed, governed and led them wisely for a long period of years, finding their every supply in the knowledge that God was all good.

In the lives of Elijah and Elisha we see not only that ability to heal all manner of sickness, to even raise the dead, but that which we now call the power of the word. We see through their right understanding of God not only the power to withstand the lions' den and the fiery furnace, but that which attracted the attention of a heathen king, causing him to recognize in these men, who were virtually slaves in his kingdom, the power which made of his wise men or advisers possessed.

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## MISS BARRY RECEIVES HER REWARD

At Fritz's academy on Wednesday evening the Theodore N. Vail silver medal for bravery was awarded to Miss Elizabeth Barry of 1319 North Tenth street by the Bell Telephone Co. for her humanitarian work in saving the lives of the two little Hornkohl children, while she was a supervisor in the local offices. The presentation of the medal and \$250 in cash was made by Mr. Percy Redmund of St. Louis, general manager for the company in Missouri and Kansas. A number of officials were present. Music was furnished by the McNutt-Welby orchestra who also played for the dance that followed the presentation.

## WATKINS GOT HOME JUST IN TIME

O. W. Watkins, the well known attorney, is always on time, and this good trait helped him out well on Sunday night, when he reached home at 8 p. m. and found John E. McClain, 22, and Lloyd Gregory, 22, both of Kansas City, engaged in the lucrative occupation of beating his place at 2227 North Twenty-second street. Watkins did not do a thing but sit the police on the two and as a result both are now in jail, and all of the Christmas presents which Watkins had in process of packing at his place will now reach his friends instead of finding their way to the "fence" or Thieves Market.

## AN ATTEMPT TO BURN CATHEDRAL

Some sneaking firebug is trying to burn the Cathedral, a second attempt having been made at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning when a ball saturated with turpentine was fired and tossed into the sacristy at the northeast corner where luckily it burned itself out without setting fire to the structure. The other attempt was made a week ago.